

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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Summer Bash 2011 Sunday August 21, 2011 12:00 PM

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NO AUGUST MEETING AND NO AUGUST PROGRAM

THE AUGUST GET TOGETHER IS "THE BASH"

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER

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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



Are you guys ready to party? It's time for the big Summer Bash at K6GO's on Sunday, August 21. All the plans are set for the biggest one ever! We'll have plenty of great food, and lots of beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks. Come meet the gang from the SCDXC. A huge thanks to Gayle for not only opening her house, but also captaining the affair again this year. And thanks as well to our crew of volunteers who are doing the legwork. I'll see you from the other side of the grill with my co-cook, Tom, N6JOJ. Don't miss this one.

If you haven't received your new roster yet, you will shortly. The roster is not only a way to find another member's info, but to connect with someone who has a similar interest or a particular expertise you can network with. We tried to get everyone's e-mail updated as best as possible. This is especially important since we are now sending the SDDXC Bulletin with the meeting notice directly to every member in addition to sending it via the club reflector. This way, those members who are not members of the reflector will still get the word.

As cycle 24 begins to eke out a few days of 100+ solar flux, we should be getting ready for some slightly better conditions this DX season. A big solar flare hit the night before the NAQP CW earlier this month. I was operating from W6YI's superstation, but I felt like I was QRP with guys CQ'ing in my face. Hopefully the SSB edition will go better.

The STØR boys did a great job and most of us got them in the log at least once per mode. Bob, N6OX was supposed to be on the trip but was sidelined with an injury at the last minute. He will still put together a show for us later this year. There are several other DXpeditions coming up and hundreds of trekkers including myself are finalizing plans to travel to some exotic spot for the contests coming up.

CU in the pileups,

John, K6AM

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Ellen, N6UWW



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of July 1, 2011	\$4,731.74
Income:	0.00
Expenses:	
Equipment insurance	54.00
Liability insurance	320.00
Ending balance July 31, 2011	4,357.74
Petty cash	20.00
Total club funds	\$4,377.74
Legal fund:	20.25
Shirt and hat sales:	434.52

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president John, K6AM, called the meeting to order at 6:30. Thirty eight members and guests were present. Visitors were welcomed including Bruce, KG6IYN and Bill, N7VM who has recently moved here from the Salt Lake City area.

John, K6AM, announced that a Google e-mail list will be created in the near future to distribute the monthly bulletin to all paid members.

Bob, N6OX presented ideas he had pondered while recuperating from a recent mountain-biking incident (Note: Do not be distracted by females wearing lycra bike shorts). Some of Bob's painkiller-induced thoughts included:

- a) SDDXC Summer Bash Special Event Station w/ QSL card (no volunteers = idea tabled),
- b) the impact of social networking (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc),
- c) having a Sister DX Club or station to foster international goodwill,
- d) having a Club station so members without a decent station could operate contests/DXpeditions
- e) creating a list of Elmer's (Paul, WN6K, Dennis, N6KI and Loren, AD6ZJ volunteered)

Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to view Joe, W6VNR's presentation on his 2010 Japan Ham Fair. Hopefully Joe can re-schedule with us in the near future. John, WA6L, improvised in a big hurry and we were treated to a presentation on East Timor.

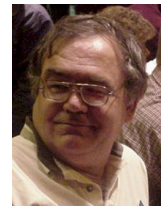
The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen, N6UWW

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY

8/11	8/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	NN6K	40	316	316	319	-
2.	2.	K0XB	40	311	315	316	+9
3.	4.	N7CW	39	244	244	296	+40
4.	3.	N6ND	40	194	196	282	+13
5.	5.	W6YOO	38	246	246	246	-
6.	7.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
7.	6.	AD6ZJ	31	133	134	152	NEW
8.	8.	K6XT	39	146	146	146	-
9.	9.	N6CW	36	45	45	144	-
10.	10.	KY6LA	?	?	135	-	-

Bud, N7CW emerges from hiding with a 40 point jump since his last report in 2008 to move him into third place. The others at the head of the pack also continue to jockey for position, closing the gap with NN6K. And look out for Loren, AD6ZJ. At this pace he should be up near the top by this time next year. There are plenty of new ones out there for the rest of us, so give the digital modes a try.

RTTY is becoming more popular all the time. The advent of PSK31 and some other systems have really ignited a surge of interest. The old 60 WPM baudot mode is now heard mostly only on contest weekends.

New software is being introduced all the time. MMTTY is a good one when used with Writelog and a SoundBlaster card. Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

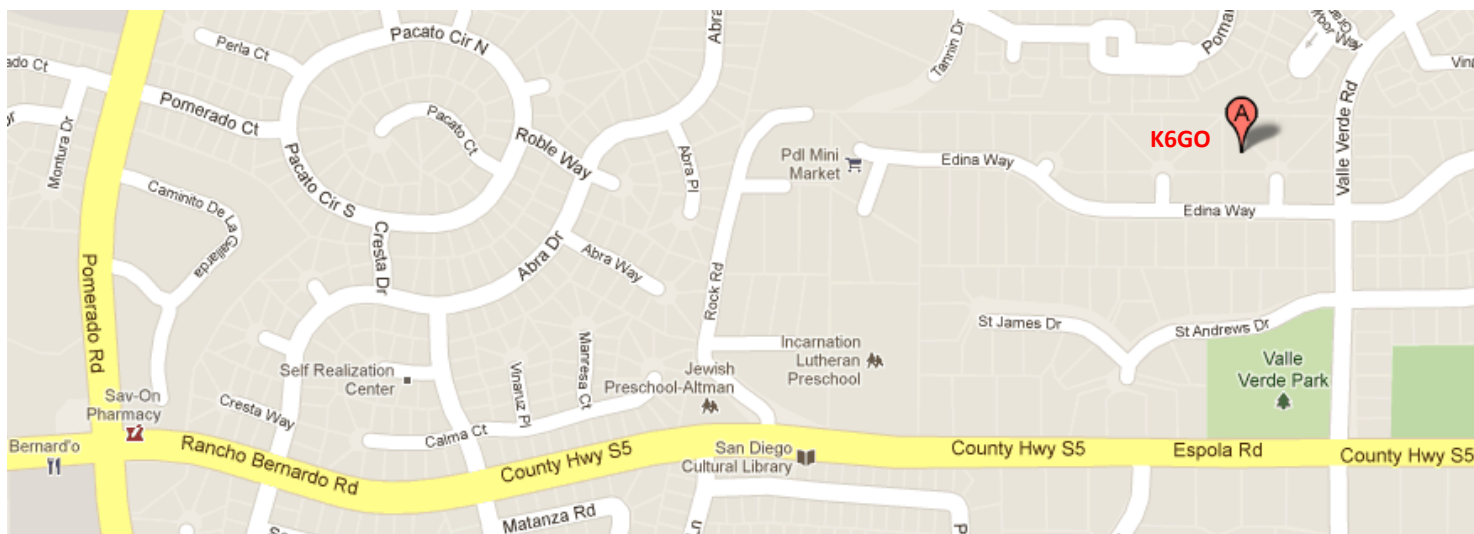
John, K6AM



DX Quiz

Bob Farkaly, K9RHY, Editor SDDXC Bulletin

1. In April, 1965, an all-time new one was put on the bands. What was the callsign?
 - a. HK0AB
 - b. KS4BF
 - c. CE0XA
 - d. CE0ZI
 - e. HK0TU
2. What country on the Arabian Sea consists of multiple separated areas?
 - a. Oman (A4)
 - b. Yemen (70)
 - c. Somalia (T5)
 - d. Iran (EP)
3. Who coined the phrase "The Deserving"?
 - a. Lloyd Colvin, W6KG
 - b. Don Wallace, W6AM
 - c. Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD
 - d. "Bip" Bachmann, W6BIP
4. Which of the following DXCC entities have area in both Europe and one other continent?
 - a. UA Russia
 - b. TA Turkey
 - c. EP Iran
 - d. 4J Armenia
5. On what days of the week does the CQ WW run in Japan?
 - a. Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 - b. Saturday, Sunday, Monday
 - c. Friday, Saturday
 - d. Saturday, Sunday
6. Which of the following DXCC entities is bordered entirely by rivers?
 - a. VY2
 - b. CY0
 - c. CY9
 - d. 4U1
7. There are two points on the globe from which an operator can claim to be working from the largest number of CQ zones. How many zones?
 - a. 4
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
 - d. 7
8. QRG is a query about what operating parameter?
 - a. Power
 - b. Time
 - c. Day
 - d. Frequency
9. How many active elements make up a Lazy-H?
 - a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 4
 - d. 8
10. What happens to the pattern of a rhombic if the termination resistor opens?
 - a. Nothing
 - b. There is a null in the direction of the open termination
 - c. It becomes bi-directional
 - d. The beamwidth narrows
11. The bi-square antenna is of what shape?
 - a. Diamond
 - b. Oblate spheroid
 - c. Inverted-U
 - d. ½ square
12. In what year did Hiram Percy Maxim found the ARRL?
 - a. 1902
 - b. 1909
 - c. 1914
 - d. 1921
13. In the International Morse Code, what symbol or character is represented by . _ _ _ . _ .
(di - DAH - DAH - di - DAH - di)?
 - a. ;
 - b. (
 - c. @
 - d. #
14. Which CQ zone extends farthest to the west?
 - a. 1
 - b. 30
 - c. 32
 - d. 13
15. Which CQ zone extends farthest to the east?
 - a. 27
 - b. 30
 - c. 25
 - d. 24
16. The Prime Meridian (Zero degrees of longitude), which runs through London, England, also runs through all of the following CQ zones except:
 - a. 35
 - b. 33
 - c. 35
 - d. 40
 - e. 37
17. Liechtenstein is closest to:
 - a. Austria
 - b. Holland
 - c. Poland
 - d. Belgium
18. Which is the smallest of the British Isles?
 - a. Isle of Man, GD
 - b. Guernsey, GU
 - c. Jersey, GJ
19. Which group of British islands counts for the CQ magazine DX Awards, but not for the ARRL DXCC?
 - a. Skye
 - b. Shetlands
 - c. Welsch
 - d. Channel
20. Malpelo Island, HK0/M, lies in CQ zone:
 - a. 9
 - b. 10
 - c. 11
 - d. 12
21. Which former French possession lies at the junction of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden?
 - a. Somalia
 - b. Eritiria
 - c. Djibouti
 - d. Togo
22. The deleted DXCC entity called the Karelo-Finnish Republic was assigned what prefix?
 - a. RA1
 - b. UB1
 - c. UN1
 - d. UZ8
23. Which CQ zone does not include any part of today's Russia?
 - a. 17
 - b. 18
 - c. 19
 - d. 20
24. What city is the eastern terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railroad?
 - a. Vladivostok
 - b. Khabarovsk
 - c. Kamchatka
 - d. Irkutsk



September 2011 Contests

Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
All Asian DX Contest - Phone	3-Sep	0000Z	4-Sep	2400Z
WAE DX Contest - SSB	10-Sep	0000Z	11-Sep	2359Z
CQ WW DX Contest - RTTY	24-Sep	0000Z	25-Sep	2400Z

Directions to K6GO's QTH

From I-15 North or Southbound
Take exit 24, Rancho Bernardo Rd
Proceed East on Rancho Bernardo Rd
Continue onto Espola Rd as Rancho Bernardo Rd changes its name
Turn left onto Valle Verde Rd (Stop light)
Take the 2nd left onto Edina Way
Take the first right onto Surrey Hills Ct
Destination will be on the left

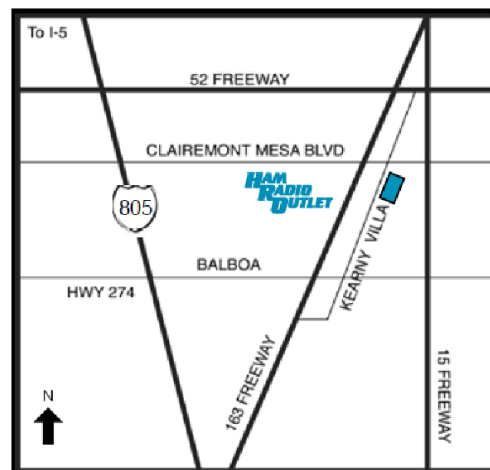
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|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. C | 7. D | 13. C | 19. B |
| 2. A | 8. D | 14. C | 20. A |
| 3. C | 9. C | 15. C | 21. C |
| 4. A, B | 10. C | 16. E | 22. C |
| 5. B | 11. A | 17. A | 23. D |
| 6. C | 12. B | 18. C | 24. A |

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